

*The Light - Junior Series*  
*Lesson 20*

*The Giver of Spiritual Gifts...the Holy Spirit*  
*The Doctrine of the Deity of the Holy Spirit*  
*Part 2*

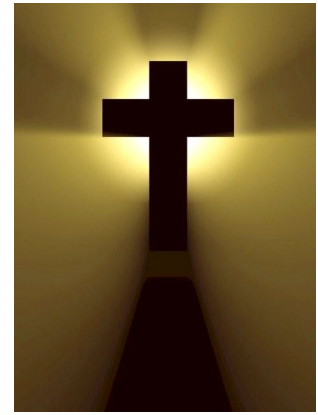


*Sunday, January 23, 2011*

*2 Sam 23:2 "The Spirit of the Lord spoke by me, and His word was on my tongue."*

## BEFORE YOU BEGIN

If YOU have never believed in the Lord Jesus Christ as your Savior, you have the opportunity to do so right NOW. Simply tell God the Father that you believe in His Son, Jesus Christ, who loved us so much that He came down from heaven and became a man to take our place and pay for the penalty for all the sin of all mankind. Jesus, the Savior died on the Cross for your sins and the sins of the whole world. Then Jesus was buried but He rose again and He is alive today seated at the right hand of the Father in heaven. When you make the decision to believe in Jesus in simple faith based on His work on the Cross, you are now a believer and will always be a child of God. When you die, you will spend eternity with Him in Heaven. *(Acts 16:31) "Believe in the Lord Jesus Christ and you will be saved."* *(John 3:16) "God loved the world so much that He gave us One and only Son, that whoever believes in Him shall not perish but have eternal life."*



### Lesson

We're going to continue our study of the Doctrine of the Deity of God the Holy Spirit today. We've looked at a lot of proof in the Bible about this fantastic subject and we have much more information to learn about it. Hey, kids, you're all going to be experts on the deity of the Holy Spirit by the time we get through this doctrine, okay?

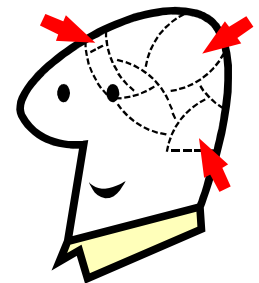


We will resume our study now from our last lesson. Remember we were looking at the characteristics and attributes of the Holy Spirit proving in the Bible that the Holy Spirit has these same characteristics that God the Father and God the Son have.

g) Another characteristic that the Holy Spirit is God is that He gives life...*eternal life.* **John 6:63** "It is the Spirit who gives life; the flesh profits nothing; the words that I have spoken to you are spirit and are (eternal) life."

h) He inspires the Scriptures. In other words He told every writer of each of the Books of the Bible what to write down without changing their personalities!! Every Word in the Bible is inspired by the Holy Spirit. He sent His information into the brains of the writers!!!!

**2 Pet 1:20-21** "But know this first of all, that no prophecy of Scripture is a matter of one's own interpretation, (21) for no prophecy was ever made by an act of human will, but (by) men moved by the Holy Spirit spoke from God." Yet a parallel passage in **2 Tim** states clearly that all Scripture is inspired by God! **2 Tim 3:16** "All Scripture is inspired by God and profitable for teaching, for reproof, for correction, for training in righteousness..." Yes! The Holy Spirit is God...loud and clear!



And while we are on the subject of inspiring the prophets of old, David said this in **2 Sam 23:1-3**. "Now these are the last words of David. David the son of Jesse declares, the man who was raised on high declares, the anointed of the God of Jacob, and the sweet psalmist of Israel, (2) the Spirit of the Lord spoke by me, and His word was on my tongue. (3) The God of Israel said, 'the Rock of Israel spoke to me, He who rules over men righteously, who rules in the fear of God...'" Well who was it David? Was it the Spirit of the Lord who spoke to you, or the God of Israel, or was it the Rock?? Hmmmm...do you think David was just repeating unnecessarily in his old age? Or do you wonder if maybe by that time the man who God called a man after God's own heart had gained a certain understanding about a VERY important doctrine of the Christian faith called the Trinity?

- i) The Holy Spirit also regenerates believers. This means when you believe in Jesus you become "born again" spiritually and the Holy Spirit is the One who does this for you. In **John 3:5-6** Jesus answered, 'Truly, truly, I say to you, unless one is born of water and the Spirit he cannot enter into the kingdom of God. (6) That which is born of the flesh is flesh, and that which is born of the Spirit is spirit.'
- 4) The Christian is said to be indwelt by the Holy Spirit, that is, by God in 1 Cor 3:16, 6:19; Eph 2:18-22. In all three passages we are said to be indwelt by the Holy Spirit, who is also said to be God in the same verse.

1 Cor 3:16 "Do you not know that you are a temple of God and that the Spirit of God dwells in you?" Here, the saints (believers) are called the temple of God, and the reason proving this is that the Spirit of God lives in us.

Eph 2:18-22 "...for through Him we both have our access in one Spirit to the Father. (19) So then you are no longer strangers and aliens, but you are fellow citizens with the saints, and are of God's household, (20) having been built on the foundation of the apostles and prophets, Christ Jesus Himself being the corner stone, (21) in whom the whole building, being joined together, is growing into a holy temple in the Lord, (22) in Him you also are being built together into a dwelling place for God by the Spirit."

I hope you noticed that verse 18 is another Trinity verse. And verse 22 is also a Trinity verse, given the understanding that the pronoun Him refers back to Christ Jesus in verse 20.

- 5) The Holy Spirit places believers into the Body of Christ. This is the Baptism of God the Holy Spirit when He places all believers in union with Jesus Christ who is the Head of all believers at the moment they believe in Him. And it is God who places them in the Body. We see this in **1 Cor 12:4-18**.

1 Cor 12:4 "Now there are varieties of gifts, but the same (Holy) Spirit. (5) And there are varieties of ministries, and the same Lord (Jesus). (6) There are varieties of effects, but the same God (Father) who works all things in all persons. (7) But to each one is given the manifestation of the Spirit for the common good (of believers). (8) For to one is given the word of wisdom through the Spirit, and to another the word of knowledge according to the same Spirit; (9) to another faith by the same Spirit, and to another gifts of healing by the one Spirit, (10) and to another the effecting of miracles, and to another prophecy, and to another the distinguishing of spirits, to another various kinds of tongues (languages for evangelizing), and to another the interpretation of tongues. (11) But one and the same Spirit works all these things, distributing to each one individually just as He wills. (12) For even as the (human) body is one and yet has many members, and all the members of the (human) body, though they are many, are one body, so also is Christ. (13) For by one Spirit we were all baptized into one body, whether Jews or Greeks, whether slaves or free, and we were all made to drink of one Spirit. (14) For the body is not one member, but many. (15) If the foot says, 'Because I am not a hand, I am not a part of the body,' it is not for this reason any the less a part of the body. (16) And if the ear says, 'Because I am not an eye, I am not a part of the body,' it is not for this reason any the less a part of the body. (17) If the whole body were an eye, where would the hearing be? If the whole were hearing, where would the sense of smell be? (18) But now God has placed the members, each one of them, in the body, just as He desired."



All right now. We see that it is God the Father in verse 6 who “works all these things in all”? But look at verse 11. It is the same sentence but this time it is the Spirit who “works all these things.” Notice again in verse 13 that the Spirit baptizes us into the Body, placing us in union with the Lord Jesus Christ. But verse 18 has it that God placed the members, the believers, into the body. The spiritual gift governs where you are placed in the Body, and verse 11 says that the Holy Spirit distributed the spiritual gift to each individual just as He wills. Yet in verse 18 we learn that God placed each one of them in the Body just as He desired! This proves the Holy Spirit is God.

And while we are on the topic of God placing members in the Body, I just have to take us back to one of my favorite passages one more time. Acts 20:28 “Be on guard for yourselves and for all the (congregation) flock, among which the Holy Spirit has made you (the Pastor/teacher) overseers, to shepherd the church of God which He (Jesus) purchased with His own blood.” God places members in the Body just as He wishes, yet here in Acts 20:28 it is the Holy Spirit which made these elders overseers. In other words, the Holy Spirit appointed the pastor-teachers. And yes, Act 20:28 is a Trinity verse also.



All right, well who in your Bible does 1 Cor 12:28 say appoints the leaders of the church? Let’s find out. “And God has appointed in the church, first apostles, second prophets, third Pastor/teachers, then miracles, then gifts of healings, helps, administrations, (and) various kinds of tongues (languages).” God appoints the leaders of the church.

In case you were wondering about some of these gifts like tongues, Apostles, prophets, miracles, healings, and prophecy. They are all the temporary spiritual gifts that ceased in 96 AD when the Bible was completed in writing. Just so you know you won’t be getting any of these gifts! ☺

And yet of course verses 7 through 11 of 1 Cor 12 say these gifts are given according to the Spirit; the Spirit works all of these things! Therefore, the subject of spiritual gifts in the Bible provides all kinds of proof that the Holy Spirit is God!

1 Cor 12:4-6 brings out the Trinity in 3 verses in a row, as does a whopper of a Trinity passage also dealing with the subject of spiritual gifts found in Eph 4:4-6. “There is one body and one Spirit...just as you were called to the one hope that belongs to your call (5) one Lord (Jesus), one faith, one baptism, (6) one God and Father of all, who is over all and through all and in all.”

We will continue with our Doctrine of the Deity of the Holy Spirit next time.

Close in prayer

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